

**SENATE BILL NO. 251**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR**

**Introduced: 1/22/02**

**Referred: State Affairs. Judiciary**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act creating the Alaska Youth Voter Corps and relating to that corps; authorizing**  
2 **the members of the corps to be appointed to serve on election boards; relating to**  
3 **qualifications for appointment to election boards; and providing for an effective date."**

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

5 \* **Section 1.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section  
6 to read:

7 FINDINGS. The legislature finds that

8 (1) involvement of young people in the election process will raise awareness  
9 of and interest in voting and encourage responsible citizenship;

10 (2) creation of an Alaska Youth Voter Corps provides a meaningful way for  
11 young people to be involved in the election process; and

12 (3) service by young people on election boards will help relieve the shortage  
13 of election workers in this state and develop election workers for the future.

14 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 15.10 is amended by adding a new section to read:

1           **Sec. 15.10.115. Alaska Youth Voter Corps.** (a) The Alaska Youth Voter  
2 Corps is established in the division of elections.

3           (b) In order to serve as a member of the Alaska Youth Voter Corps, an  
4 individual must

5                   (1) be a student age 16 or older

6                           (A) enrolled in a public or private high school program in this  
7 state; or

8                           (B) being educated in the student's home by a parent or legal  
9 guardian in this state under AS 14.30.010(b)(12);

10           (2) volunteer to serve in the Alaska Youth Voter Corps and be  
11 appointed to the Alaska Youth Voter Corps by the director of elections; and

12           (3) if appointed, agree to complete a program of training as determined  
13 by the director of elections.

14           (c) An election supervisor may appoint a member of the Alaska Youth Voter  
15 Corps to serve on a precinct election board appointed under AS 15.10.120. A corps  
16 member who is appointed to serve on an election board under this subsection serves  
17 under the supervision of the chairperson for that board.

18           (d) A member of the corps who is appointed under (c) of this section is  
19 compensated as provided in AS 15.15.380 only for service on the election board of the  
20 precinct.

21           (e) A member of the corps may provide unpaid volunteer services related to  
22 education and outreach on state elections as directed by, and under the supervision of,  
23 the director of elections.

24           (f) In this section, "corps" means the Alaska Youth Voter Corps.

25 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 15.10.120(a) is amended to read:

26           (a) An election supervisor shall appoint in each precinct within the election  
27 supervisor's district an election board composed of at least three qualified voters  
28 registered to vote in this state [THAT PRECINCT]. An election supervisor may  
29 also appoint no more than two members of the Alaska Youth Voter Corps  
30 established in AS 15.10.115 to serve on a precinct election board.

31 \* **Sec. 4.** AS 15.10.120(c) is amended to read:

1           (c) An election supervisor shall appoint one nominee of the political party of  
2           which the governor is a member and one nominee of the political party that received  
3           the second largest number of votes statewide in the preceding gubernatorial election.  
4           The election supervisor shall appoint at least one additional qualified individual  
5           registered to vote in this state [THAT PRECINCT]. If a party district committee or  
6           state party central committee of the party of which the governor is a member or the  
7           party that received the second largest number of votes statewide in the preceding  
8           gubernatorial election fails to present the names prescribed by (b) of this section by  
9           April 15 of a regular election year or at least 60 days before a special election, the  
10          election supervisor may appoint any qualified individual registered to vote in this  
11          state [THAT PRECINCT].

12          \* **Sec. 5.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).